Arts Facutly of Delhi University are not provided with direct telephone facilities in their offices as well as at their residences, thereby causing inconvenience to them in their functioning;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to provide telephone facilities to them in office and also at their residences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, Dean, Faculty of Arts has been provided with telephone facilities at his office and residence. It has, however, not been found possible to provide each Head of Department with a direct telephone due to paucity of telephone lines in the University. The Heads of Departments in the Faculty of Arts have been provided with PABX facility.

Blindness in India

2997. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the estimated number of blind people in the country during each of the last three years; and

(b) what fresh steps are proposed to be taken to check blindness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) ICMR Survey 1971-73 estimated 9 million blind people in the country at that time. These persons could not see well at 6 metre distance. National Sample Survey Organisation estimated the number of blind who could not see well at 3 metre distance at 3.47 million in 1982. No year-wise survey of blind people in the country has been undertaken. A fresh National Survey on blindness is currently in progress.

(b) To check blindness in the country Government have launched a country-wide National Programme utilising eye camp approach for outreach areas and development of additional infrastructure at various levels coupled with Health Education Measures for eye care.

Sale of adulterated ice cream in Delhi

2998. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ice cream manufacturers in the capital are selling highly adulterated products;

(b) whether the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration (PEA), Delhi has conducted any raids on the factories of the Ice cream manufacturers during the last two years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) As per the inforamtion furnished by the Delhi Administration, the number of samples of ice cream lifted and found adulterated during 1986 and 1987 are as follows:

Year	No. of sample of ice-cream lifted from ice-cream manufacturers	No. of sample found adulterated	Percentage of adulteration
1986	63	8	12.7%
1987	146	10	6.8%